

On 26th we had the pleasure to hear that Mr. Hale very willingly
shamefacedly went and
Answered your question.

Groton. April 10. 1838.

Tuesday evening.

At length, my dear Debora, your package has arrived. a little after 5. I descipted the stage & as I had received no letter by mail, I was looking for Cora, as one that waits for the morning. Before I say aught of myself, I will proceed to comment on your letter. First, I am very sorry to hear of your illness; I suppose you transposed in such a manner on Tuesday as to take a shocking cold - I dare say that every one of you are at Weymouth to day save myself. I am bound with you, or to speak more plainly, I am writing with you in spirit. I shall take up your letter paragraph for paragraph. What a set the Bales are - To go & invite Mrs Child & omit us - Mrs Child whom they can hardly speak peaceably to. Why they are taking all this pains to smooth over and conciliate I hardly know. How came the Grinnells to come after what they told me? Whenever I ask a question, I shall expect to have it answered in your next. As to Anna Terry, I dare say the report is true and if it is I ver'e have the poor thing is greatly to be pitied, but it is a little singular that such matters should be common gossip. I rejoice with them being over Bro. Finch's child. I fear for him but it must be remembered in his favor that he did behave well at the formation of the Free Church & his behavior does contrast advantageously with that of the Boston minister generally. I moralised to myself about Mr. Sweet to no doubtless you will do; I had seen his death in the papers. I rejoice over Sarah's services in the good cause, & I do feel bitter bad to lose Angelina. I have seen Mr. Hale & I learned from him that the house was stronger & that you were there looking pleased. Seeing Warren's name makes me ask, has any arrangement yet been made for him? If there has been none, I think it is time for you to bestir yourselves. - I am sorry not to be at the meeting tomorrow. I have some letters but they are entirely inconsequential;

letters from Wrentham &c. I hope somebody will see to the
matter of the Resolutions, but it is no great matter. Write
me, at once & tell me very minutely about the meeting, &
if you are not there Maria or Caroline must, for I am very
curious to know how the meeting goes & mean the business
part. As the Grinches ad deprive us perhaps the business meeting
will be put off till the next day. I am extremely glad that
Mr. Clowes his "come forth" for I believe him to be a
"trapper" of the first kind. I heard of his doings from Mr. Hale.
If they will only come out we shall do very well. If
there are any Resolutions brought forward by our Society let mine
come with regard to the Grinches. But you will not get this till after
the meeting. Tell Lucia I was obliged for her note & that I have finished
her night gown, save button holes & I don't know whether I shall do those.
Tell Maria that I thought her letter truly graphic. I must give her the
prise of "sullen in paroxysm" in respect to her letters. What was the reason
of the Ball's lavish kindess I can't see altogether. Tell me to treat
M. Parker impartially. Treat her as well as the rest of them, for really
Mary had a bitterer dose than any of the rest of them. If any of them
had been called to run over their minister they would have done
fully as bad. Now I will commence my own experiences. I had a very
com forlorn ride up here, though I was not very well. But Miss G.
warmed my bed & made me com forlorn, giving me quinins of
pennyroyale, & the next morning I was myself again, went to church
in the morning & heard Mr. Phelps preach a very thorough
pecuniary lecture. I was glad to hear some body besides ourselves de-
nounce. In the afternoon I rode out with the Dr as far as the Paw-
mill, called on Mrs. Rugg & we is me port the little red hdt of that
Angel gave me. Friday morning I called upon Mrs. Cutler at Pepper
St. This is the only call I have made except one upon Dyantha
Mr. Robins or has at the request of some of his parishioners asked the
a dismission. He remembers Angelina G. with the almost bitterness
could almost burn her. The Abolition cause here is in rather a
perilous state, all the thorough going Abolitionists having come
out Perfect Unionists. Mrs. Rugg, Floutwell, & Mr. Hale are looking
over with it. Mr. Phelps' church is in a disturbed state, 25 people
standing propounded as the phrase goes & it is feared that
of these, some may be heretics. So of course, they conduct
the church examinations very warmly. It is through these

the Perfectionists will either draw off or else may be excommunicated. Hill, Boutelle, Crozier &c are terribly afraid of the heresies and speak very scornfully of those of their brethren who to use their own phrase "have entered into the heavenly rest."

The Dr practically adopts as his motto "Police in your cousin, & shuffle the cards." The Perfectionists know as the blacks of N.B. though they did about Van Buren, that he is with them in heart but they can get no declaration to this effect. - I learn from the Dr that, Mr Hartwell subjected you to an inquisition touching your experiences which gave the Dr apparently much amusement as he thought it rather annoyed you. I saw Miss Dickson at church Sunday & spoke at instant with her, but have not yet been to see her as I have not quite got over my cold, & for the last day or two the weather has been very unpleasant. I have been very unfortunate since I have been here in every respect & have one: the complaint I mentioned to you has troubled me a good deal. It is that or some thing very like it, and it is very trying & vexing. I am better however than I was. I read & read & study French & hear George's Latin & find my time pretty much all taken up. I have begun a letter to Lucetta but have not yet sent it as I wanted to take advice about it. Would you write & tell her to state the fact to the Gov that an Abolition cousin of hers was to be at Philadelphia who would visit her for one night, if she thought it would be agreeable to the family or something of that sort or would you not. Write me as to this, for I shall just send my letter till I hear from you. One thing I must enforce upon you. The night I came in from Norbury I borrowed a nine pence of Miss's young man. Will you go in & pay it, or else put it on to the bill, or do something & tell the young man is high & see it was that I went out of town early the next morning & that Mrs Chapman & Pepper that night had no change in the house, for I promised to be in & pay him in a few minutes. One thing more. I find from Dr Farnsworth that A.A. Phelps entertain the idea that it was against the letter of our Constitution to present a Report to the Soc that had not been previously considered by the Board. In other words he thinks that our Reports are managed just like those of the Mass. or Mass. Do not however say any thing about this to Mr Phelps or any one as Dr Farnsworth will explain it to him fully when he comes in to town. I want you to write to me by mail, a very full letter answering all the questions that I have propounded and telling me all manner of news. Write so that I may get the letter on Saturday & have something to tell over. Give my love to every body all here send love to you. You may send this letter to Aunt Mary if you have a chance. as I shall not write to her till after

I have heard from you. Where do you suppose Harvey is? Mrs E. Cushing said me yet. - Dont omit the writing as I shall depend on Sat. I feel dreadfully to think how much news I lose. Pray remember all you can. ever thine A. W. Weston.

A. W. Weston
April 10th 1838

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